

KINGSWEAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Sarah Roope Trust Rooms on Tuesday 11 April 2017 at 7.00pm (for formal approval at the next Meeting of the Council)

Present: Councillor J Henshall – Chairman

Councillors: E Jones, E Essex, L Maurer, H Newcombe, R Searle, M Trevorrow

Apologies: Councillor L Payne, E Parkes and J Hawkins.
District Councillors H Bastone and R Rowe,
Police Constable A Vaughan

In Attendance: Mr David Edwards – Clerk to the Council

There were 3 members of the public present. [It was noted that a resident, Dr Rawlins, had passed on his apologies].

C/414/16 – Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/415/16 – Declaration of Interests

The Members were reminded that any changes to their Declaration of Interests should be notified to the Clerk.

The Council Meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to ask questions and make representations to the Council:

Questions from the public:

A resident raised the question regarding the lines below Kingswear Wood and opposite his garage, which have now been removed which is allowing cars to be parked in the visibility splay, he felt that the splay area needed to be hatched. The lines at the junction of Ridley Hill/Hr Contour Road had been lengthened following discussion with Residents Parking Group but it was felt that they had been extended too far, maybe a car length, taking out three car lengths in total.

It was noted that the Resident's Parking Group had been considering various options with regard to parking generally. This included a scheme to cover the period of the Regatta. The Chairman had met with Mr Peter Johnson (Regatta Chairman) to discuss the way forward. PC Vaughan agreed to represent Kingswear at the Regatta Committee. One difficulty that arises is the lack of policing/enforcement of the resident parking schemes.

Additional issues raised:

- In parts of Higher Contour Road, residents are roping off parts of the verge for their own use. (The Neighbourhood Plan Group is investigating this land as it was previously allotments. The ownership has to be investigated)
- The issue of building contractors and other tradesman parking outside properties causing obstructions, with, it appears no specific legal permissions.

- The Neighbourhood Plan document has been printed and includes references to the parking issues. A consultation period will now commence to obtain and collate resident's views on the document.
- A change has been made to the parking arrangements at Dart Haven Marina. It will now be possible to park free for 1 hour without printing a ticket.

The matter of the Council writing to Dart Haven was explained. The Council had not resolved to write, but it was a comment made as an option.

Reference was made to an article in the Dartmouth Chronicle regarding the decision by Central Government to reduce the amount of financial support to the local schools and the impact this might have on their long term future.

The District Council Mechanical Road Sweeper has not been down Wood Lane and this needs to be rectified.

The Council will receive the following reports if available:

i. Devon County Councillor

There was no County Councillor report.

ii South Hams District Councillors

Councillor Hawkins – no report

Councillor Bastone and Councillor Rowe – no reports

iii Police Report:

No report

The Council reconvened to discuss the following items:

C/416/16 - To resolve to approve the following minutes subject to any amendments: [Amendments to the Confidential Minutes to be noted and documented in Part II :

- Full Council Meeting – 14 March 2017
- Full Council Meeting – 14 March 2017 (Confidential)
- Planning Committee Meeting – 28 March 2017

Matter Arising: It was noted that comment from a resident, stating several objections to the development, had been received in respect of Planning Application 0556/17/OPA at Ocean View Farm.

Amendments:

Full Council Meeting 14 March 2017 – C/409/16

The wording of the Resolution should read:

It was RESOLVED that Mr Payne be asked to contact the experts and ask if they could provide suggestions on how best to create a community orchard and advise on the most suitable location. (In due course The Council, through the General Purposes Committee can undertake a full review and make some recommendations to the Council on how Jubilee Park can be improved)

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meetings as detailed subject to the Amendment.

C/417/16 - To discuss the maintenance and ownership of the George South Memorial Garden with consideration that the Council takes responsibility for maintenance and upkeep.

It was explained that the Garden is in one of the oldest parts of the village and it could be used more by the community if the upkeep was improved and it was run and administered locally.

The Garden is above the Priory and the adjacent walls have had some structural problems in the past. A recent inspection showed overgrowth coming down and plants growing from the cracks in the walls.

It was RESOLVED to approve that the Council takes on the ownership and responsibility of the George South Memorial Garden subject to:

- satisfactory outcomes on the structure and future liability of the wall and other structures***
- Acceptance of the maintenance costs for the upkeep and repair.***

C/418/16 - To discuss the action now required to ensure that the option of access rights to Lighthouse Beach are retained with a recommendation that the Council notifies English Nature of its interest.

It was RESOLVED that a letter be written to register the Council interest.

C/419/16 - To receive (if available) the Neighbourhood Plan Report from Councillor Parkes (General) and Councillor Payne (Residents Parking) (if available) and to discuss and approve the actions and any expenditure detailed in the report.

There was no report, however, it was noted that the Report had been printed and would be a matter of discussion at the next Council and the main item for the Parish Meeting to be held at the Village Hall on Monday 15 May 2017.

C/420/16 - To resolve to approve the Expenditure of the Council for the period 08 March 2017 to 05 April 2017 – see attached.

Reference was made to the invoice for the Gulley Clearing and the recent incident of heavy rainfall. Several of the drains in Higher Contour Road appeared to be blocked or unable to cope with the amount of water, resulting in streams of water flowing down resident's gardens and steps.

It was RESOLVED to approve the Expenditure of the Council for the period 08 March 2017 to 05 April 2017.

C/421/16 - To discuss the Plymouth & South West Devon Joint Local Plan 2014-2034 and to make a response or to decide on the action or procedures the Council will now follow to make a response.

It was of concern that the document states that the Noss Ship Yard development is in Dartmouth. It is recognized that the Plan has been written on the basis of using the main towns as "Hubs".

It was the view of the Council that:

- reference should be clearly made to highlight the fact that Noss Ship Yard is in the Parish boundary of Kingswear.
- Kingswear must benefit from any S106 Funding from the development.
- The Plan must ensure the future vitality and sustainability of the village by building affordable housing that will allow young families to live in the village, local people are employed by the Developers and other jobs are available to local people.

The Meeting ended at 20.05

Minutes Approved:

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Councillor J Henshall - Chairman